

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION  
OPIATE LITIGATION

*This document relates to:*

Case No. 1:19-op-45346-DAP

DURHAM COUNTY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AMERISOURCEBERGEN DRUG  
CORPORATION, ET AL.,

Defendants.

MDL No. 2804

Case No. 1:17-md-2804

Judge Dan Aaron Polster

**WALMART INC.'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFF'S  
SUPPLEMENTAL AND AMENDED ALLEGATIONS TO BE ADDED TO SHORT  
FORM FOR SUPPLEMENTING COMPLAINT AND AMENDING DEFENDANTS**

Defendant Walmart Inc. ("Walmart")<sup>1</sup> hereby answers the Supplemental and Amended Allegations to Be Added to Short Form for Supplementing Complaint and Amending Defendants and Jury Demand ("Complaint") filed in the case of *Durham County v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corporation, et. al.*, Case No. 1:19-op-45346-DAP (*In re Nat'l Prescription Opiate Litig.*, Case No. 17-md-2804 (N.D. Ohio), ECF No. 3740).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Walmart Inc. files this answer on behalf of the following Walmart-affiliated entities named as defendants in Plaintiff's Supplemental and Amended Allegations to Be Added to Short Form for Supplementing Complaint and Amending Defendants and Jury Demand: Walmart Inc.; Wal-Mart Stores East, LP; Wal-Mart Stores East, LLC; WSE Management, LLC; WSE Investment, LLC; Sam's East, Inc.; and Sam's West, Inc.

<sup>2</sup>Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Stipulated Order Regarding Answering The May 19, 2021 Amended Complaints In The Five New Pharmacy Bellwether Cases entered August 17, 2021 (MDL Dkt. 3853), (1) "Defendants shall only be required to answer the allegations set forth in the" Complaint; (2) Defendants "shall have no obligation to answer any prior complaints and pleadings incorporated by reference into the [Complaint];" (3) by not answering any prior complaints and pleadings, "Defendants do not admit any of the allegations in those prior complaints or pleadings and reserve all defenses to the claims and allegations of the prior complaints or pleadings;" and (4) the Defendants' "failure to answer any prior complaint or pleading in responding to the allegations of the [Complaint] shall not be construed

Unless expressly stated otherwise, Walmart denies each and every allegation in the Complaint, including any allegations in the preamble, unnumbered and numbered paragraphs, titles, headings, subheadings, table of contents, footnotes, exhibits, characterization of documents, and stricken paragraphs, and specifically denies any liability to Plaintiff. To the extent not expressly denied, all allegations for which Walmart denies possessing knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief are denied. Walmart reserves the right to seek to amend and supplement its Answer as may be appropriate or necessary.

1. Paragraph 1 summarizes Plaintiff's claims and does not require a response. To the extent Paragraph 1 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 1, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

2. Paragraph 2 summarizes Plaintiff's claims and does not require a response. To the extent Paragraph 2 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 2, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

3. Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Stipulated Order Regarding Answering The May 19, 2021 Amended Complaints In The Five New Pharmacy Bellwether Cases entered August 17, 2021 (MDL Dkt. 3853), Walmart is only required to answer the allegations set forth in this Complaint and does not respond to any allegations in Plaintiff's Original Complaint (ECF 1),

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as an admission of any allegation in those prior complaints or pleadings and shall not be a basis for a default judgment with respect to any claims asserted in those prior complaints or pleadings." Consistent with that Order, Walmart answers only the allegations set forth in Plaintiff's Complaint.

Plaintiff's Amended Short Form Complaint (ECF 6), or any other complaints or pleadings that Plaintiff purports to incorporate herein. Walmart does not admit any allegation contained in any of Plaintiff's prior complaints and pleadings. Answering further, to the extent any of Plaintiff's prior pleadings contain allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

4. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 4 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 4, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

5. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 5 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 5; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

6. Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 6 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 6, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

7. Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 7; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

8. Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 8 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth

of the allegations in Paragraph 8, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**9.** While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 9; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**10.** While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 10; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**11.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 11; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**12.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 12; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**13.** To the extent Paragraph 13 refers to documents,<sup>3</sup> those documents speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart admits that, according to [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov), the President declared the opioid crisis a national public health emergency on October 26, 2017. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 13, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

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<sup>3</sup> As used by Walmart in this Answer, “document” and/or documents” include, without limitation, writings, recordings, photographs, and electronically stored information, as well as websites, message boards, videos, CME presentations and materials, programs, literature, and all other sources used in support of each allegation.

**14.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 14; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**15.** Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 15 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 15, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**16.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 16 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 16, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**17.** Paragraph 17 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 17 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 17 and further denies the remaining allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 17, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**18.** Paragraph 18 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 18 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the

allegations in Paragraph 18, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**19.** While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 19; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**20.** Paragraph 20 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 20 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 20, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**21.** Paragraph 21 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Further, Paragraph 21 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 21 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 21, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**22.** Paragraph 22 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 22 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 22, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**23.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 23 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 23, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**24.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 24 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 24, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**25.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 25 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 25, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**26.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 26; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**27.** Paragraph 27 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 27 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 27, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**28.** Paragraph 28 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 28 and

further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 28, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**29.** Paragraph 29 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 29 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 29, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**30.** Paragraph 30 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. Walmart admits that it is not aware of a reason or basis to dispute the personal jurisdiction of this Court over Walmart for the claims asserted in the Complaint. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 30, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**31.** Paragraph 31 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 31 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 31, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**32.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 32; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**33.** The allegations in Paragraph 33 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 33 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**34.** The allegations in Paragraph 34 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 34 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**35.** The allegations in Paragraph 35 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 35 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**36.** The allegations in Paragraph 36 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 36 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**37.** The allegations in Paragraph 37 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 37 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**38.** The allegations in Paragraph 38 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 38 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**39.** The allegations in Paragraph 39 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 39 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**40.** The allegations in Paragraph 40 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 40 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**41.** The allegations in Paragraph 41 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 41 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**42.** The allegations in Paragraph 42 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 42 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**43.** The allegations in Paragraph 43 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 43 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**44.** The allegations in Paragraph 44 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 44 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**45.** The allegations in Paragraph 45 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 45 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**46.** The allegations in Paragraph 46 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 46 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**47.** The allegations in Paragraph 47 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 47 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**48.** The allegations in Paragraph 48 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 48 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**49.** The allegations in Paragraph 49 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 49 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**50.** The allegations in Paragraph 50 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 50 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**51.** The allegations in Paragraph 51 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 51 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**52.** The allegations in Paragraph 52 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 52 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**53.** The allegations in Paragraph 53 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 53 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**54.** The allegations in Paragraph 54 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 54 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**55.** The allegations in Paragraph 55 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 55 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**56.** The allegations in Paragraph 56 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 56 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**57.** The allegations in Paragraph 57 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 57 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**58.** The allegations in Paragraph 58 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 58 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**59.** The allegations in Paragraph 59 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 59 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**60.** The allegations in Paragraph 60 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 60 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**61.** The allegations in Paragraph 61 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 61 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**62.** The allegations in Paragraph 62 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 62 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**63.** The allegations in Paragraph 63 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 63 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**64.** The allegations in Paragraph 64 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 64 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**65.** The allegations in Paragraph 65 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 65 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**66.** The allegations in Paragraph 66 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 66 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**67.** The allegations in Paragraph 67 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 67 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**68.** The allegations in Paragraph 68 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 68 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**69.** Walmart admits that Walmart Inc. (formerly known as Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.) is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas, that is registered to do business in North Carolina.

**70.** Walmart admits that Wal-Mart Stores East, LP is a Delaware limited partnership with a principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas, that is registered to do business in North Carolina.

**71.** Walmart admits that Wal-Mart Stores East, LLC f/k/a Wal-Mart Stores East Inc. is an Arkansas limited liability company with its principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas, that is registered to do business in North Carolina.

**72.** Walmart admits that Sam's East, Inc. d/b/a Sam's Club, is an Arkansas corporation with its principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas, that is registered to do business in North Carolina. Walmart further admits that Sam's West, Inc. d/b/a Sam's Club is an Arkansas corporation with its principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas, that is registered to do business in North Carolina. Walmart further admits that Sam's East Inc. is an indirectly, wholly owned subsidiary of Walmart Inc., and that the sole shareholder of Sam's East, Inc. is Sam's West, Inc. Walmart admits that both Sam's East, Inc. and Sam's West, Inc. operate Sam's Club stores in various locations. Walmart denies any remaining allegations of Paragraph 72.

**73.** Walmart admits that Sam's West, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Walmart Inc. Walmart further admits that Sam's West, Inc. is the sole shareholder of Sam's East, Inc.

**74.** Walmart admits that WSE Management, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company that is registered to do business in North Carolina. Walmart also admits that WSE Management, LLC owns one percent of Wal-Mart Store East, LP.

**75.** Walmart admits that WSE Investment, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company. Walmart also admits that WSE Investment, LLC owns ninety-nine percent of Wal-Mart Store East, LP.

**76.** Walmart admits that Wal-Mart Stores East, LLC (formerly known as Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc.) is an Arkansas limited liability company. Walmart also admits that Wal-Mart Stores East, LLC is the sole member of both WSE Management, LLC and WSE Investment, LLC.

**77.** Walmart admits that Walmart Inc. is the sole member of Wal-Mart Stores East, LLC (formerly known as Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc.).

**78.** Paragraph 78 purports to recite the shorthand terms that Plaintiff defines for its use in its Complaint, and such allegations do not require a response from Walmart. To the extent Paragraph 78 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations.

**79.** Walmart admits that Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, distributes certain prescription medication to certain pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries. Walmart also admits that pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries dispense certain prescription medication. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 79.

**80.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, distributed certain prescription opioid medication to certain pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries located in North Carolina and Durham County. Walmart also admits that at times relevant to this litigation, pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by

Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries in North Carolina and Durham County dispensed certain prescription opioid medication. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 80.

**81.** The allegations in Paragraph 81 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 81 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**82.** The allegations in Paragraph 82 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 82 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**83.** The allegations in Paragraph 83 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 83 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**84.** The allegations in Paragraph 84 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 84 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**85.** The allegations in Paragraph 85 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 85 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**86.** The allegations in Paragraph 86 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 86 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**87.** The allegations in Paragraph 87 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 87 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**88.** Paragraph 88 summarizes Plaintiff's claims and does not require a response. To the extent that an answer is required, Walmart is responding to the allegations in this Complaint on behalf of the following Walmart-affiliated entities named as defendants in the Complaint: Walmart Inc.; Wal-Mart Stores East, LP; Wal-Mart Stores East, LLC; WSE Management, LLC; WSE Investment, LLC; Sam's East, Inc.; and Sam's West, Inc. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 88, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**89.** Paragraph 89 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 89 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 89, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**90.** Paragraph 90 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 90 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 90, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**91.** Walmart admits that opioids are a class of substances that include legal prescription medication such as pain relievers. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 91; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**92.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 92; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**93.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 93; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**94.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 94; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**95.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 95; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**96.** Walmart admits that during some time periods some opioids have been regulated as Schedule II controlled substances. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 96; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**97.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 97; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**98.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 98; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**99.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 99; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**100.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 100 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 100, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**101.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 101 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 101, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**102.** Paragraph 102 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 102 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 102, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**103.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 103 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 103, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**104.** Walmart admits that it does business in many parts of the United States. Walmart also admits that pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries dispense certain prescription opioid medication. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 104 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 104, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**105.** Paragraph 105 purports to compile governmentally-disclosed ARCOS data which speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterization thereof. Further, Paragraph 105 states

legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 105 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 105, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**106.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, it possessed certain data on prescription medication it distributed and dispensed. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 106 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 106, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**107.** Paragraph 107 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 107 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 107, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**108.** Paragraph 108 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 108 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the

allegations in Paragraph 108, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**109.** Paragraph 109 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 109 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 109, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**110.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 110 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 110, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**111.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 111 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 111, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**112.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 112 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 112, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**113.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 113 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to

the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 113, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**114.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 114 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 114, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**115.** Paragraph 115 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 115 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 115, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**116.** Paragraph 116 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 116 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 116, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**117.** Paragraph 117 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 117 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the

allegations in Paragraph 117, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**118.** Paragraph 118 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 118 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 118. Further, to the extent Paragraph 118 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 118, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**119.** Paragraph 119 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 119 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 119. Further, to the extent Paragraph 119 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 119, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**120.** Paragraph 120 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 120 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 120. Walmart admits that pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries

are registrants under the Controlled Substances Act. Further, to the extent Paragraph 120 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**121.** Paragraph 121 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Answering further, Paragraph 121 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 121 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 121. Answering further, to the extent Paragraph 121 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**122.** Paragraph 122 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 122 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 122. Walmart admits that pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries are registrants under the Controlled Substances Act. Further, to the extent Paragraph 122 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**123.** Paragraph 123 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 123 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Further, to the extent Paragraph 123 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 123, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**124.** Paragraph 124 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 124 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 124, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**125.** Paragraph 125 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 125 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 125, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**126.** Paragraph 126 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 126 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 126. Further, to the extent Paragraph 126 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**127.** Paragraph 127 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 127 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 127, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**128.** Paragraph 128 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 128 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 128, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**129.** Paragraph 129 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 129 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 129. Further, to the extent Paragraph 129 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**130.** Paragraph 130 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 130 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 130. Further, to the extent Paragraph 130 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**131.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, it possessed certain data on prescription medication it distributed and dispensed, including both controlled and non-controlled substances. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 131.

**132.** Paragraph 132 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 132 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 132, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**133.** Paragraph 133 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Further, Paragraph 133 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 133 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**134.** Paragraph 134 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 134 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 134, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**135.** Paragraph 135 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 135 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 135. Further, to the extent Paragraph 135 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**136.** Paragraph 136 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 136 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 136. Answering further, to the extent Paragraph 136 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**137.** Paragraph 137 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. To the extent Paragraph 137 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**138.** Paragraph 138 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 138 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 138, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**139.** Paragraph 139 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 139 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 139, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**140.** Paragraph 140 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 140 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 140, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**141.** Paragraph 141 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 141 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 141. Answering further, to the extent Paragraph 141 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**142.** Paragraph 142 purports to recite law and refer to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Answering further, Paragraph 142 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 142 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 142, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**143.** Walmart admits that North Carolina participates in a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (“PDMP”). Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 143; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**144.** Walmart admits that PDMPs provide certain information. Answering further, Paragraph 144 refers to documents that speaks for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Answering further, the allegations in Paragraph 144 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 144 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**145.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, it possessed certain data on prescription medication its pharmacists dispensed, including both controlled and non-controlled substances. Answering further, Paragraph 145 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in

Paragraph 145 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 145, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**146.** Paragraph 146 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 146 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 146, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**147.** Paragraph 147 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 147 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 147, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**148.** Paragraph 148 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 148 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 148, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**149.** Paragraph 149 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 149 and

further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 149, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Further, to the extent Paragraph 149 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**150.** Paragraph 150 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 150 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 150, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**151.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 151 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 151, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**152.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, it was a member of NACDS. Walmart also admits that at certain times, certain Walmart employees have served on the NACDS Board of Directors. Paragraph 152 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 152 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 152, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**153.** Walmart admits that HDA is a trade association that represents wholesale distributors. Walmart also admits that HDA has at certain times worked together with NACDS on certain issues. Walmart denies that it is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 153, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**154.** Paragraph 154 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 154, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**155.** Paragraph 155 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 155 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 155, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**156.** Paragraph 156 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 156 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 156, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**157.** Paragraph 157 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 157 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 157, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**158.** Paragraph 158 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 158 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 158, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**159.** Paragraph 159 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 159; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**160.** To the extent Paragraph 160 refers to documents, those documents speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 160 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 160, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**161.** Paragraph 161 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 161 also states legal conclusions to which no response is

required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 161. Further, to the extent Paragraph 161 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**162.** Paragraph 162 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 162; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**163.** To the extent Paragraph 163 refers to documents, those documents speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 163 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 163, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**164.** Paragraph 164 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 164; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**165.** Paragraph 165 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 165 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 165, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**166.** Paragraph 166 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 166 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 166, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**167.** Paragraph 167 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 167 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 167, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**168.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 168, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**169.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 169 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 169, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**170.** Paragraph 170 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 170 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 170, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**171.** Paragraph 171 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 171 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 171. To the extent Paragraph 171 refers to documents, those documents speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Further, to the extent Paragraph 171 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 171, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**172.** Paragraph 172 refers to a document and purports to recite law that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 172 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 172, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**173.** Paragraph 173 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 173; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**174.** Paragraph 174 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 174; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**175.** The allegations in Paragraph 175 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 175 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**176.** Paragraph 176 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Further, Paragraph 176 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 176 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 176, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**177.** Paragraph 177 refers to documents that speaks for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 177 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 177 and further denies the remaining allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 177, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**178.** Paragraph 178 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 178 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessor HDMA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a

belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 178, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**179.** Paragraph 179 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 179; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**180.** Paragraph 180 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 180 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 180, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**181.** Paragraph 181 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 181 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 181, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**182.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, it possessed certain data on prescription medication it distributed and dispensed, including both controlled and non-controlled substances. Further, Paragraph 182 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 182 and further denies the remaining allegations contained therein to the extent they

apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 182, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**183.** Paragraph 183 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 183; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**184.** Paragraph 184 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 184 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Answering further, Paragraph 184 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Answering further, to the extent Paragraph 184 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 184, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**185.** Paragraph 185 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 185 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 185. Further, to the extent Paragraph 185 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**186.** Paragraph 186 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 186 and

further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 186, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**187.** Paragraph 187 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 187, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**188.** Paragraph 188 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 188; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**189.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, it possessed certain data on prescription medication it distributed and dispensed, including both controlled and non-controlled substances. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 189 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 189, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**190.** Paragraph 190 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 190 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the

allegations in Paragraph 190, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**191.** The allegations in Paragraph 191 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 191 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**192.** The allegations in Paragraph 192 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 192 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**193.** The allegations in Paragraph 193 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 193 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**194.** The allegations in Paragraph 194 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 194 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**195.** The allegations in Paragraph 195 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 195 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**196.** The allegations in Paragraph 196 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 196 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**197.** The allegations in Paragraph 197 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 197 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**198.** The allegations in Paragraph 198 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 198 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**199.** The allegations in Paragraph 199 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 199 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**200.** The allegations in Paragraph 200 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 200 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**201.** The allegations in Paragraph 201 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 201 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**202.** The allegations in Paragraph 202 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 202 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**203.** The allegations in Paragraph 203 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 203 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**204.** The allegations in Paragraph 204 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 204 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**205.** The allegations in Paragraph 205 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 205 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**206.** The allegations in Paragraph 206 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 206 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

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**209.** The allegations in Paragraph 209 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 209 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**210.** The allegations in Paragraph 210 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 210 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**211.** The allegations in Paragraph 211 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 211 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**212.** The allegations in Paragraph 212 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 212 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**213.** The allegations in Paragraph 213 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 213 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**214.** The allegations in Paragraph 214 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 214 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

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**216.** The allegations in Paragraph 216 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 216 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

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**218.** The allegations in Paragraph 218 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 218 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**219.** The allegations in Paragraph 219 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 219 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**220.** The allegations in Paragraph 220 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 220 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**221.** The allegations in Paragraph 221 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 221 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**222.** The allegations in Paragraph 222 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 222 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**223.** The allegations in Paragraph 223 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 223 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**224.** The allegations in Paragraph 224 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 224 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**225.** The allegations in Paragraph 225 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 225 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**226.** The allegations in Paragraph 226 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

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**227.** The allegations in Paragraph 227 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 227 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**228.** The allegations in Paragraph 228 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 228 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**229.** The allegations in Paragraph 229 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 229 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**230.** The allegations in Paragraph 230 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 230 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**231.** The allegations in Paragraph 231 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 231 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**232.** The allegations in Paragraph 232 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 232 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**233.** The allegations in Paragraph 233 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 233 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

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**238.** The allegations in Paragraph 238 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 238 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**239.** The allegations in Paragraph 239 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 239 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**240.** The allegations in Paragraph 240 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 240 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**241.** The allegations in Paragraph 241 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 241 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**242.** The allegations in Paragraph 242 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 242 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**243.** The allegations in Paragraph 243 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 243 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**244.** The allegations in Paragraph 244 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 244 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

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**247.** The allegations in Paragraph 247 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 247 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**248.** The allegations in Paragraph 248 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 248 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**249.** The allegations in Paragraph 249 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 249 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**250.** The allegations in Paragraph 250 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 250 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**251.** The allegations in Paragraph 251 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 251 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**252.** The allegations in Paragraph 252 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 252 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**253.** The allegations in Paragraph 253 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

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**254.** The allegations in Paragraph 254 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 254 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**255.** The allegations in Paragraph 255 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 255 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**256.** The allegations in Paragraph 256 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 256 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**257.** The allegations in Paragraph 257 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 257 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**258.** The allegations in Paragraph 258 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 258 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**259.** The allegations in Paragraph 259 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 259 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**260.** The allegations in Paragraph 260 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 260 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**261.** The allegations in Paragraph 261 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 261 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**262.** The allegations in Paragraph 262 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 262 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**263.** The allegations in Paragraph 263 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 263 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**264.** The allegations in Paragraph 264 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 264 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**265.** The allegations in Paragraph 265 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 265 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

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**267.** The allegations in Paragraph 267 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 267 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**268.** The allegations in Paragraph 268 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 268 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**269.** The allegations in Paragraph 269 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 269 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

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**271.** The allegations in Paragraph 271 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

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**272.** The allegations in Paragraph 272 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 272 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

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**390.** The allegations in Paragraph 390 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 390 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**391.** The allegations in Paragraph 391 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 391 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**392.** The allegations in Paragraph 392 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 392 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**393.** The allegations in Paragraph 393 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 393 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**394.** The allegations in Paragraph 394 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 394 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**395.** The allegations in Paragraph 395 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 395 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**396.** The allegations in Paragraph 396 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 396 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**397.** The allegations in Paragraph 397 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 397 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**398.** The allegations in Paragraph 398 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 398 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**399.** The allegations in Paragraph 399 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 399 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**400.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, distributed certain prescription controlled substances listed in Schedules II – V to certain retail pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries in the United States. Walmart also admits that at times relevant to this litigation, pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries dispensed certain prescription controlled substances. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 400.

**401.** Walmart admits that, upon information and belief, Walmart Inc., through its subsidiaries, is the largest private employer in the United States, employing more than 1.5 million people. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 401.

**402.** Walmart admits that for a time period prior to May 2018, Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, distributed certain prescription controlled substances listed in Schedule II to certain

retail pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries in the United States. Walmart further admits that for a time period through May 2018, Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, distributed certain prescription controlled substances listed in Schedules III through V to certain retail pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries in the United States.

**403.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 403.

**404.** Walmart admits that employees at pharmacy distribution centers operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiary monitored orders and alerted managers of potential issues, who would follow up on orders by speaking with pharmacists, and escalate issues to market and/or region leadership or other Walmart employees as needed to investigate orders and/or resolve concerns. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 404.

**405.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 405.

**406.** Walmart admits that, from 2011 until approximately 2015, Walmart implemented order alerts in Reddwerks (Walmart's order fulfillment system) that flagged orders for controlled substances of 50 bottles or more and orders for amounts 30% higher than a rolling 4-week average for that item. Walmart also admits that, from approximately July 2012 until approximately 2015, Walmart also implemented a hard limit of 20 bottles for shipments of Oxycodone 30 mg and internally circulated a report listing orders for Schedule II controlled substances of more than 20 bottles for further review and follow-up as needed. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 406.

**407.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 407 and further denies that Plaintiff has accurately stated Walmart's obligations under the law.

**408.** Walmart admits that in mid-2012 Walmart implemented a hard limit of 20 bottles for orders of Oxycodone 30 mg in addition to its other order monitoring processes, policies and

procedures. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 408 and further denies that Plaintiff has accurately stated Walmart's obligations under the law.

**409.** Walmart admits that in mid-2012, Walmart also monitored weekly orders for Schedule II controlled substances of more than 20 bottles. Walmart further admits that Walmart internally circulated a report listing orders for Schedule II controlled substances of more than 20 bottles for further review and follow-up as needed. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 409.

**410.** Walmart denies the allegations in this Paragraph and affirmatively states that Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies were required to place all orders for Schedule II controlled substances through Walmart's Schedule II controlled substance distribution center. Walmart further affirmatively states that if Walmart's Schedule II controlled substances distribution center did not carry the ordered item or it was out of stock, the order placed with Walmart's controlled substances distribution center could be routed by Walmart's controlled substances distribution center to be fulfilled by a third-party distributor. Walmart admits that during certain periods of time the third-party distributor described above was (i) McKesson for Walmart pharmacies and (ii) AmerisourceBergen or McKesson for Sam's Club pharmacies located in Texas. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 410.

**411.** Paragraph 411 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 411 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 411 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**412.** Walmart admits that, in 2015, Walmart implemented store-item specific thresholds as part of its order monitoring system. These store-item specific thresholds were

generally calculated based on the store's weekly average for that item plus three standard deviations based on 52 weeks of shipment data for that store. Walmart admits that these store-specific thresholds included certain minimum and maximum thresholds. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 412.

**413.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 413.

**414.** Paragraph 414 purports to compile governmentally-disclosed ARCOS data which speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterization thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 414.

**415.** Paragraph 415 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 415 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**416.** Walmart admits that during the time period it self-distributed controlled substances, Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, distributed certain prescription opioid medication to certain retail pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries in states other than North Carolina. Walmart also admits that at times relevant to this litigation, pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries in states other than North Carolina dispensed certain prescription opioid medication. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 416.

**417.** Paragraph 417 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 417 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**418.** Paragraph 418 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 418 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**419.** Paragraph 419 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 419 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**420.** Paragraph 420 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 420 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**421.** Paragraph 421 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 421 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**422.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 422.

**423.** Paragraph 423 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 423 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**424.** Paragraph 424 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 424 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**425.** Walmart admits that Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries operated retail pharmacies at certain locations in the United States. Walmart also admits that Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, currently has five pharmacy distribution centers that distribute certain non-controlled prescription medication to certain pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its

subsidiaries. Walmart further admits that Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries operated a mail-order pharmacy and a specialty pharmacy, but denies that those pharmacies were located in the County. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 425.

**426.** Paragraph 426 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart admits that it provided pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries with a variety of resources to aid in their use of their professional judgment, including policies and training that provided guidance on, among other topics, evaluating prescriptions for controlled substances. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 426.

**427.** Walmart admits that during the time period it self-distributed controlled substances, Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, distributed certain prescription medication to certain pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries. Walmart also admits that under certain circumstances a third-party distributor may have filled orders for certain prescription medications placed by certain Walmart and/or Sam's Club pharmacies. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 427, including that Walmart and/or Sam's Club pharmacies were able to have the same order for prescription medication filled by both Walmart and a third-party distributor.

**428.** Paragraph 428 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 428 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**429.** Paragraph 429 purports to compile governmentally-disclosed ARCOS data which speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterization thereof. To the extent Paragraph 429 purports to contain factual allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations.

**430.** Paragraph 430 purports to compile governmentally-disclosed ARCOS data which speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterization thereof. To the extent Paragraph 430 purports to contain factual allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations.

**431.** Paragraph 431 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 431 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**432.** Paragraph 432 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 432 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**433.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, it possessed certain data on prescription opioid medication it distributed to its own pharmacies. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 433.

**434.** Walmart admits that at times relevant to this litigation, it possessed certain data on prescription opioid medication dispensed by pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 434.

**435.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 435; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**436.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 436; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**437.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 437; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**438.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 438; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**439.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 439; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**440.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 440.

**441.** Paragraph 441 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. During all relevant times, Walmart pharmacists were permitted and encouraged to exercise their professional judgment to not fill prescriptions they deemed were not appropriate. Walmart admits that its relevant policies were amended in 2017 to expressly allow the use of “blanket refusal” forms; however, even before 2017, Walmart pharmacists were permitted and encouraged to refuse to fill any prescriptions from a particular prescriber they deemed were not appropriate. Walmart further admits that its policies were amended in 2017 to describe procedures for central blocks of prescribers. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 441.

**442.** Paragraph 442 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. During all relevant times, Walmart pharmacists were permitted and encouraged to exercise their professional judgment to not fill prescriptions they deemed were not appropriate. Walmart admits that its relevant policies were amended in 2017 to expressly allow

the use of “blanket refusal” forms; however, even before 2017, Walmart pharmacists were permitted and encouraged to refuse to fill any prescriptions from a particular prescriber they deemed were not appropriate. Walmart further admits that its policies were amended in 2017 to describe procedures for central blocks of prescribers. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 442.

**443.** Walmart admits that prior to 2013, Walmart pharmacists’ bonus compensation was based on multiple considerations, including, among other things, the aggregate of all prescriptions filled by the pharmacist’s store. Walmart also admits that in 2013, Walmart removed controlled substance prescriptions from any prescription count component of bonus compensation for Walmart pharmacists. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 443.

**444.** Walmart admits that it received a show cause order from DEA on November 13, 2009, relating to a store located in California operated by Walmart and/or one of its subsidiaries. The November 13, 2009 show cause order speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 444.

**445.** Walmart admits that it entered into a memorandum of agreement with DEA on March 17, 2011. The March 17, 2011 memorandum of agreement speaks for itself and Walmart denies any characterization thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 445.

**446.** Walmart admits that it entered into a memorandum of agreement with DEA on March 17, 2011. The March 17, 2011 memorandum of agreement speaks for itself and Walmart denies any characterization thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 446.

**447.** Walmart admits that it entered into a memorandum of agreement with DEA on March 17, 2011. The March 17, 2011 memorandum of agreement speaks for itself and Walmart denies any characterization thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 447.

**448.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 448.

**449.** Paragraph 449 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 449.

**450.** Paragraph 450 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Answering further, Walmart admits that the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) filed a lawsuit against Walmart on or around December 22, 2020 in the District of Delaware styled, *United States of America v. Walmart Inc. et al.*, No. 1:20-cv-01744. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 450.

**451.** Paragraph 451 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 451.

**452.** Paragraph 452 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 452 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**453.** Paragraph 453 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 453 and further denies the allegations contained therein.

**454.** The allegations in Paragraph 454 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 454 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**455.** The allegations in Paragraph 455 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without

knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 455 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**456.** The allegations in Paragraph 456 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 456 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**457.** The allegations in Paragraph 457 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 457 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**458.** The allegations in Paragraph 458 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 458 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**459.** The allegations in Paragraph 459 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 459 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**460.** The allegations in Paragraph 460 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 460 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**461.** The allegations in Paragraph 461 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 461 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**462.** The allegations in Paragraph 462 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 462 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**463.** The allegations in Paragraph 463 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 463 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**464.** The allegations in Paragraph 464 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 464 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**465.** The allegations in Paragraph 465 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 465 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**466.** The allegations in Paragraph 466 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 466 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**467.** The allegations in Paragraph 467 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 467 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**468.** The allegations in Paragraph 468 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 468 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**469.** The allegations in Paragraph 469 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 469 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**470.** The allegations in Paragraph 470 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 470 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**471.** The allegations in Paragraph 471 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 471 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**472.** The allegations in Paragraph 472 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 472 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**473.** The allegations in Paragraph 473 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 473 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**474.** The allegations in Paragraph 474 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 474 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**475.** The allegations in Paragraph 475 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 475 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**476.** The allegations in Paragraph 476 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 476 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**477.** The allegations in Paragraph 477 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 477 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**478.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 478 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 478, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**479.** Paragraph 479 refers to a document and recites law that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 479 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 479 and further denies the remaining allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 479, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**480.** The allegations in Paragraph 480 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 480 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**481.** The allegations in Paragraph 481 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 481 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**482.** The allegations in Paragraph 482 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without

knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 482 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**483.** The allegations in Paragraph 483 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 483 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**484.** Paragraph 484 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 484 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 484, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**485.** Paragraph 485 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 485 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 485, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**486.** The allegations in Paragraph 486 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 486 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**487.** The allegations in Paragraph 487 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 487 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**488.** The allegations in Paragraph 488 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 488 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**489.** The allegations in Paragraph 489 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 489 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**490.** The allegations in Paragraph 490 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 490 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**491.** The allegations in Paragraph 491 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 491 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**492.** The allegations in Paragraph 492 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 492 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**493.** The allegations in Paragraph 493 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 493 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**494.** The allegations in Paragraph 494 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 494 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**495.** The allegations in Paragraph 495 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 495 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**496.** The allegations in Paragraph 496 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 496 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**497.** The allegations in Paragraph 497 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 497 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**498.** The allegations in Paragraph 498 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 498 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**499.** The allegations in Paragraph 499 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 499 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**500.** The allegations in Paragraph 500 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 500 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**501.** The allegations in Paragraph 501 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 501 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**502.** Paragraph 502 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 502 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 502, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**503.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 503 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 503, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**504.** Paragraph 504 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 504 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form

a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 504, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**505.** Paragraph 505 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 505 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 505, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**506.** Paragraph 506 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. To the extent Paragraph 506 purports to contain factual allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 506, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**507.** Paragraph 507 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 507 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 507, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**508.** Paragraph 508 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 508 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 508, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**509.** Paragraph 509 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 509; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**510.** Paragraph 510 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. To the extent Paragraph 510 purports to contain factual allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 510, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**511.** Paragraph 511 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 511 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 511, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**512.** During all relevant times, Walmart pharmacists were permitted and encouraged to exercise their professional judgment to not fill prescriptions they deemed were not appropriate. Walmart admits that its relevant policies were amended in 2017 to expressly allow the use of “blanket refusal” forms; however, even before 2017, Walmart pharmacists were permitted and encouraged to refuse to fill any prescriptions from a particular prescriber they deemed were not appropriate. Walmart further admits that its policies were amended in 2017 to describe procedures for central blocks of prescribers. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 512.

**513.** Paragraph 513 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. To the extent Paragraph 513 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, including any allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 513; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**514.** Paragraph 514 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. To the extent Paragraph 514 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, including any allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 514; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**515.** Paragraph 515 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. To the extent Paragraph 515 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, including any allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 515, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**516.** Paragraph 516 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Answering further, the allegations in Paragraph 516 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth;

such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 516 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**517.** Paragraph 517 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Answering further, the allegations in Paragraph 517 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 517 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**518.** Paragraph 518 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 518 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 518, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**519.** Paragraph 519 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 519 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 519, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**520.** Paragraph 520 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 520 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient

to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 520, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**521.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 521 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 521, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**522.** Paragraph 522 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart admits that NACDS provided support for S. 483, including signing a letter supporting the bill that was sent to Senators Hatch and White. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 522 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 522, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**523.** Paragraph 523 refers to a document and purports to recite law that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 523 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 523. Further, the allegations in Paragraph 523 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 523 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, including any allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations.

**524.** The allegations in Paragraph 524 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 524 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**525.** The allegations in Paragraph 525 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 525 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**526.** Paragraph 526 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 526 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 526, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**527.** Paragraph 527 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 527; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**528.** Paragraph 528 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 528, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessor HDMA.

**529.** Paragraph 529 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart admits that the NACDS Policy Council has discussed certain legislation relating to regulatory requirements applicable to pharmacists. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 529 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 529, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**530.** Paragraph 530 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 530 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 530, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**531.** Paragraph 531 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 531 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 531, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**532.** Paragraph 532 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 532 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a

belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 532, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**533.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 533 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 533, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**534.** The allegations in Paragraph 534 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 534 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**535.** The allegations in Paragraph 535 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 535 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**536.** The allegations in Paragraph 536 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 536 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**537.** Paragraph 537 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart admits that McKesson and Walmart formed ClarusOne

Sourcing Service LLP in May 2016 to source generic pharmaceuticals to members of the organization, including Walmart and McKesson. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 537.

**538.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 538 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 538, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**539.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 539 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 539, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**540.** Paragraph 540 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 540 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 540, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**541.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 541 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 541, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**542.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 542 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to

the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 542, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**543.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 543 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 543, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**544.** The allegations in Paragraph 544 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 544 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**545.** The allegations in Paragraph 545 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 545 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**546.** The allegations in Paragraph 546 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 546 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**547.** The allegations in Paragraph 547 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without

knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 547 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**548.** The allegations in Paragraph 548 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 548 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**549.** The allegations in Paragraph 549 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 549 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**550.** The allegations in Paragraph 550 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 550 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**551.** The allegations in Paragraph 551 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 551 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**552.** The allegations in Paragraph 552 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 552 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**553.** The allegations in Paragraph 553 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 553 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**554.** The allegations in Paragraph 554 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 554 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**555.** The allegations in Paragraph 555 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 555 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**556.** The allegations in Paragraph 556 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 556 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**557.** The allegations in Paragraph 557 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 557 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**558.** The allegations in Paragraph 558 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 558 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**559.** The allegations in Paragraph 559 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 559 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**560.** The allegations in Paragraph 560 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 560 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**561.** The allegations in Paragraph 561 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 561 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**562.** The allegations in Paragraph 562 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 562 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**563.** The allegations in Paragraph 563 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 563 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**564.** The allegations in Paragraph 564 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 564 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**565.** The allegations in Paragraph 565 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 565 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**566.** The allegations in Paragraph 566 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 566 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**567.** The allegations in Paragraph 567 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 567 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**568.** The allegations in Paragraph 568 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 568 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**569.** The allegations in Paragraph 569 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 569 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**570.** The allegations in Paragraph 570 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 570 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**571.** The allegations in Paragraph 571 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 571 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**572.** The allegations in Paragraph 572 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 572 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**573.** Paragraph 573 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 573 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 573, such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**574.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 574 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to

the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 574, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**575.** Paragraph 575 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 575 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 575, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**576.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 576 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 576, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**577.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 577 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 577, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**578.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 578 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 578, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**579.** Walmart has expressed its commitment to taking an active role in the fight against our nation's opioid issue. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 579 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form

a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 579, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**580.** The allegations in Paragraph 580 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 580 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**581.** The allegations in Paragraph 581 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 581 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**582.** The allegations in Paragraph 582 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 582 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**583.** The allegations in Paragraph 583 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 583 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**584.** The allegations in Paragraph 584 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 584 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**585.** The allegations in Paragraph 585 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 585 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**586.** The allegations in Paragraph 586 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 586 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**587.** The allegations in Paragraph 587 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 587 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**588.** Paragraph 588 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 588.

**589.** Paragraph 589 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Answering further, Walmart admits that the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) filed a lawsuit against Walmart on or around December 22, 2020 in the District of Delaware styled, *United States of America v. Walmart Inc. et al.*, No. 1:20-cv-01744. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 589 to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**590.** The allegations in Paragraph 590 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 590 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**591.** The allegations in Paragraph 591 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 591 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**592.** Paragraph 592 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in this Paragraph 592 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 592, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**593.** Paragraph 593 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 593 to the extent

they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 593, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**594.** Walmart admits that the National Association of Chain Drug Stores filed an amicus curiae brief in support of Defendants' motion to dismiss in *United States of America v. Walmart Inc. et al.*, No. 1:20-cv-01744 (D. Del.).

**595.** Paragraph 595 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 595 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 595, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**596.** Paragraph 596 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 596 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 596, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**597.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 597 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 597, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**598.** The allegations in Paragraph 598 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 598 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**599.** The allegations in Paragraph 599 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 599 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**600.** The allegations in Paragraph 600 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 600 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**601.** The allegations in Paragraph 601 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 601 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**602.** The allegations in Paragraph 602 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 602 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**603.** The allegations in Paragraph 603 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 603 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**604.** The allegations in Paragraph 604 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 604 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**605.** The allegations in Paragraph 605 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 605 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**606.** The allegations in Paragraph 606 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 606 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**607.** The allegations in Paragraph 607 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 607 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**608.** The allegations in Paragraph 608 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 608 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**609.** The allegations in Paragraph 609 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 609 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**610.** The allegations in Paragraph 610 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 610 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**611.** The allegations in Paragraph 611 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 611 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**612.** The allegations in Paragraph 612 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 612 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**613.** The allegations in Paragraph 613 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 613 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**614.** The allegations in Paragraph 614 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 614 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**615.** The allegations in Paragraph 615 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 615 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**616.** The allegations in Paragraph 616 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 616 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**617.** The allegations in Paragraph 617 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 617 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**618.** The allegations in Paragraph 618 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 618 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**619.** The allegations in Paragraph 619 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 619 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**620.** The allegations in Paragraph 620 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 620 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**621.** The allegations in Paragraph 621 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 621 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**622.** The allegations in Paragraph 622 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 622 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**623.** The allegations in Paragraph 623 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 623 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**624.** The allegations in Paragraph 624 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 624 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**625.** The allegations in Paragraph 625 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 625 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**626.** The allegations in Paragraph 626 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 626 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**627.** The allegations in Paragraph 627 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 627 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**628.** The allegations in Paragraph 628 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 628 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**629.** The allegations in Paragraph 629 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 629 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**630.** The allegations in Paragraph 630 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 630 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**631.** The allegations in Paragraph 631 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 631 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**632.** The allegations in Paragraph 632 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 632 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**633.** The allegations in Paragraph 633 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 633 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**634.** The allegations in Paragraph 634 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 634 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**635.** The allegations in Paragraph 635 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 635 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**636.** The allegations in Paragraph 636 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 636 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**637.** The allegations in Paragraph 637 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 637 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**638.** The allegations in Paragraph 638 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore

deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 638 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**639.** The allegations in Paragraph 639 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 639 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**640.** The allegations in Paragraph 640 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 640 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**641.** The allegations in Paragraph 641 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 641 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**642.** Paragraph 642 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 642.

**643.** Paragraph 643 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 643.

**644.** Paragraph 644 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 644.

**645.** The allegations in Paragraph 645 are not directed toward Walmart and therefore do not require a response. To the extent such allegations require a response, Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied. Moreover, to the extent Paragraph 645 is deemed to contain allegations against Walmart, Walmart denies such allegations.

**646.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 646; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**647.** Walmart admits certain prescriptions written in one state may, under some circumstances, be filled in a different state. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 647, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**648.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 648; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**649.** Paragraph 649 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 649; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**650.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 650; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**651.** Paragraph 651 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 651; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**652.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 652; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**653.** Paragraph 653 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 653; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**654.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 654; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**655.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 655; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**656.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 656; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**657.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 657 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to

the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 657, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**658.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 658 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 658, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**659.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 659 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 659, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**660.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 660 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 660, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**661.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 661 to the extent they apply to Walmart, including that Walmart is or was a member of HDA and/or its predecessors HDMA and NWDA. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 661, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**662.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 662 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to

the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 662, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**663.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 663 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 663, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**664.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 664 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 664, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**665.** Walmart admits that during the time period it self-distributed controlled substances, Walmart distributed certain prescription opioid medication to certain pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries in North Carolina. Walmart also admits that pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries in North Carolina have dispensed certain prescription opioid medication. Further, Paragraph 665 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 665 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 665, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**666.** Paragraph 666 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 666 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in

Paragraph 666. Further, to the extent Paragraph 666 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**667.** Paragraph 667 to appear here. purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 667 to appear here. also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 667 to appear here.. Further, to the extent Paragraph 667 to appear here. contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**668.** Paragraph 668 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 668 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 668. Further, to the extent Paragraph 668 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**669.** Paragraph 669 to appear here. purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 669 to appear here. also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 669 to appear here.. Further, to the extent Paragraph 669 to appear here. contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**670.** Paragraph 670 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 670 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the

allegations in Paragraph 670, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**671.** Paragraph 671 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 671 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 671, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**672.** While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 672; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**673.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 673 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 673, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**674.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 674 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 674, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**675.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 675 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 675, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**676.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 676 to appear here. to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 676 to appear here., including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**677.** Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 677; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**678.** Paragraph 678 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 678 to appear here.; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**679.** Paragraph 679 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 679; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**680.** Paragraph 680 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 680; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**681.** Paragraph 681 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 681; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**682.** Paragraph 682 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 682; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**683.** Paragraph 683 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 683; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**684.** Paragraph 684 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 684; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**685.** Paragraph 685 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 685; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**686.** Paragraph 686 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to

form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 686; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**687.** Paragraph 687 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 687; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**688.** Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 688; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**689.** Paragraph 689 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 689; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**690.** Paragraph 690 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 690; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**691.** Paragraph 691 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 691; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**692.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 692; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**693.** Paragraph 693 purports to compile governmentally-disclosed ARCOS data which speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterization thereof. To the extent Paragraph 693 purports to contain factual allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations.

**694.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 694 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 694, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**695.** Paragraph 695 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 695 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 695 and further denies the remaining allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 695, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**696.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 696 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 696, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**697.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 697 to the extent they apply to Walmart. While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise

without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 697; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**698.** Paragraph 698 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 698; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**699.** Paragraph 699 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 699; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**700.** Paragraph 700 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. While Walmart is aware of reports regarding drug overdose, Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 700; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**701.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 701; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**702.** Paragraph 702 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart acknowledges that abuse and addiction to opioids is a serious public health issue. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 702; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**703.** Paragraph 703 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 703; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**704.** Paragraph 704 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 704; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**705.** Paragraph 705 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 705; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**706.** Paragraph 706 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 706; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**707.** Paragraph 707 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 707; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**708.** Paragraph 708 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to

form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 708; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**709.** Paragraph 709 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 709; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**710.** Paragraph 710 refers to documents that speak for themselves, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 710; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**711.** Paragraph 711 refers to a document that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 711; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**712.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 712 to appear here.; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**713.** Paragraph 713 to appear here. states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 713 to appear here. and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. To the extent Paragraph 713 to appear here. contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 713 to appear

here., including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**714.** Walmart is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 714 to appear here.; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**715.** Paragraph 715 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 715 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 715, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**716.** Paragraph 716 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 716 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 716, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**717.** Paragraph 717 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 717 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 717, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**718.** Paragraph 718 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 718 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 718, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**719.** Paragraph 719 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 719 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 719, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**720.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 720 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 720, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**721.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 721 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 721, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**722.** Paragraph 722 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 722 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is

otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 722, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**723.** Walmart incorporates by reference its answers to all other allegations contained in this Answer as if fully set forth herein. Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Stipulated Order Regarding Answering The May 19, 2021 Amended Complaints In The Five New Pharmacy Bellwether Cases entered August 17, 2021 (MDL Dkt. 3853), Walmart is only required to answer the allegations set forth in this Complaint and does not respond to any allegations in Plaintiff's prior complaints and pleadings including Plaintiff's Original Complaint (ECF 1), Plaintiff's Amended Short Form Complaint (ECF 6), or any other complaints or pleadings that Plaintiff purports to incorporate herein. Walmart does not admit any allegation contained in any of Plaintiff's prior complaints and pleadings. Answering further, to the extent any of Plaintiff's prior pleadings contain allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**724.** Walmart incorporates by reference its answers to all other allegations contained in this Answer as if fully set forth herein. Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Stipulated Order Regarding Answering The May 19, 2021 Amended Complaints In The Five New Pharmacy Bellwether Cases entered August 17, 2021 (MDL Dkt. 3853), Walmart is only required to answer the allegations set forth in this Complaint and does not respond to any allegations in Plaintiff's prior complaints and pleadings including Plaintiff's Original Complaint (ECF 1), Plaintiff's Amended Short Form Complaint (ECF 6), or any other complaints or pleadings that Plaintiff purports to incorporate herein. Walmart does not admit any allegation contained in any of Plaintiff's prior complaints and pleadings. Answering further, to the extent any of Plaintiff's prior

pleadings contain allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**725.** Paragraph 725 is a recitation of case procedure and does not require a response.

**726.** Paragraph 726 summarizes Plaintiff's claims and does not require a response. To the extent Paragraph 726 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations. Answering further, Paragraph 726 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. Paragraph 726 also states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 726.

**727.** Walmart incorporates by reference its answers to all other allegations contained in this Answer as if fully set forth herein. Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Stipulated Order Regarding Answering The May 19, 2021 Amended Complaints In The Five New Pharmacy Bellwether Cases entered August 17, 2021 (MDL Dkt. 3853), Walmart is only required to answer the allegations set forth in this Complaint and does not respond to any allegations in Plaintiff's prior complaints and pleadings including Plaintiff's Original Complaint (ECF 1), Plaintiff's Amended Short Form Complaint (ECF 6), or any other complaints or pleadings that Plaintiff purports to incorporate herein. Walmart does not admit any allegation contained in any of Plaintiff's prior complaints and pleadings. Answering further, to the extent any of Plaintiff's prior pleadings contain allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**728.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 728 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to

the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 728, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**729.** Paragraph 729 purports to recite law that speaks for itself, and Walmart denies any characterizations thereof. To the extent Paragraph 729 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart.

**730.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 730 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 730, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**731.** Paragraph 731 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 731. Further, to the extent Paragraph 731 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 731, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**732.** Paragraph 732 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 732 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 732, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**733.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 733 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 733, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**734.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 734 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 734, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**735.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 735 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 735, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**736.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 736 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 736, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**737.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 737 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 737, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**738.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 738 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to

the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 738, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**739.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 739 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 739, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**740.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 740 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 740, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**741.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 741 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 741, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**742.** Walmart admits that Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, distributes certain non-controlled prescription medication to certain pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries. Walmart also admits that pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries dispense certain prescription medication, including certain prescription controlled substance medications. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 742 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 742, such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**743.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 743 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 743, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**744.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 744 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 744, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**745.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 745 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 745, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**746.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 746 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 746, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**747.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 747 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 747, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**748.** Paragraph 748 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 748. Further, to the extent Paragraph 748 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such

allegations to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 748, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**749.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 749 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 749, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**750.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 750 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 750, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**751.** Paragraph 751 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 751 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 751, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**752.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 752 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 752, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**753.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 753 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 753, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**754.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 754 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 754, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**755.** Paragraph 755 states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Walmart denies the legal conclusions stated in Paragraph 755 and further denies the allegations contained therein to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 755, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**756.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 756 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 756, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**757.** Walmart admits that Walmart Inc., through its subsidiary, distributes certain non-controlled prescription medication to certain pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries. Walmart also admits that pharmacists working at pharmacies operated by Walmart Inc. and/or its subsidiaries dispense certain prescription medication, including certain prescription controlled substance medications. Walmart denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 757 to

the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 757, such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**758.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 758 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 758, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**759.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 759 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 759, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**760.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 760 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 760, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**761.** Walmart denies the allegations in Paragraph 761 to the extent they apply to Walmart. Walmart is otherwise without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 761, including to the extent those allegations apply to another defendant; such allegations are therefore deemed to be denied.

**762.** Paragraph 762 summarizes Plaintiff's claims and does not require a response. To the extent Paragraph 762 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations.

**763.** Paragraph 763 summarizes Plaintiff's claims and does not require a response. To the extent Paragraph 763 contains allegations of wrongdoing, Walmart denies such allegations.

764. Walmart denies that Plaintiff is entitled the relief described in Paragraph 764.

765. Paragraph 765 summarizes Plaintiff's request for a jury and does not require a response.

### **AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES**

Having answered the allegations of Plaintiff's Complaint, and having denied any liability whatsoever, Walmart further denies any allegations that have not been expressly admitted and sets forth below its defenses to Plaintiff's public nuisance cause of action, outlined above. By setting forth these defenses, Walmart does not assume the burden of proving any fact, issue, or element of a cause of action where such burden properly belongs to Plaintiff. Moreover, Walmart does not intend these defenses to be, nor shall they be construed as, an acknowledgement that any particular issue or subject matter is relevant to Plaintiff's allegations. Walmart does not admit or acknowledge that it bears the burden of proof or burden of persuasion with respect to any such defense. Upon completion of discovery, if the facts warrant, Walmart may withdraw any of these defenses as may be appropriate. Walmart reserves the right to (i) rely on any other applicable defenses set forth in any Answer or listing of affirmative defenses of any other Defendant in this Action, (ii) rely on any other defenses that may become apparent during fact or expert discovery in this matter, and (iii) amend its Answer to assert any such defenses.

### **FIRST DEFENSE**

The Complaint fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a claim upon which relief may be granted against Walmart.

### **SECOND DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

**THIRD DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred by the applicable statute of repose.

**FOURTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred by the doctrine of laches.

**FIFTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred or limited for lack of standing.

**SIXTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred by the voluntary payment doctrine.

**SEVENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff lacks capacity to bring its claim, including claims indirectly maintained on behalf of its citizens and claims brought as *parens patriae*.

**EIGHTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred because Plaintiff is not the real party in interest.

**NINTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is not ripe and/or has been mooted.

**TENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim and damages are barred or limited, in whole or in part, by common law, statutory, and state constitutional constraints on the exercise of police powers by a municipality.

**ELEVENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim and damages are barred or limited by the political question and separation of powers doctrines and because the claim implicates issues of statewide importance that are reserved for state regulation.

**TWELFTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.

**THIRTEENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred by the doctrine of *in pari delicto*.

**FOURTEENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, for failure to exhaust administrative remedies or to satisfy other procedural prerequisites.

**FIFTEENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred by the doctrines of estoppel, waiver, and/or ratification.

**SIXTEENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred by the doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel.

**SEVENTEENTH DEFENSE**

Venue may be improper and/or inconvenient in this Court.

**EIGHTEENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred or limited by the terms and effect of any applicable consent judgment or settlement, including by operation of the doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel, failure to fulfill conditions precedent, failure to provide requisite notice, payment, accord and satisfaction, and compromise and settlement.

**NINETEENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff has failed to join all necessary parties, including without limitation health care providers, prescribers, patients, and other third parties whom Plaintiff alleges engaged in the unauthorized or illicit prescribing, dispensing, diversion, or use of prescription opioid products.

**TWENTIETH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim against Walmart does not arise out of the same transactions or occurrences as the claims against other Defendants, as required for joinder of parties.

**TWENTY-FIRST DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred to the extent it relates to Walmart's alleged lobbying or other activities protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or by the Constitution of the State of North Carolina or that of any other state whose laws may apply.

**TWENTY-SECOND DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, to the extent that it violates the Due Process or Ex Post Facto clauses of the United States Constitution or Article I, §§ 16, 19, of the North Carolina Constitution.

**TWENTY-THIRD DEFENSE**

Walmart's rights under the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, § 19 of the North Carolina Constitution are violated by any financial or other arrangement that might distort a government attorney's duty to pursue justice rather than his or her personal interests, financial or otherwise, in the context of a civil enforcement proceeding, including by Plaintiff's use of a contingency-fee contract with private counsel.

**TWENTY-FOURTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, to the extent that it violates the Dormant Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.

**TWENTY-FIFTH DEFENSE**

Walmart denies all types of causation, including without limitation, cause in fact, proximate cause, and producing cause, with respect to the claim asserted against Walmart.

**TWENTY-SIXTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, because Walmart did not proximately cause the damages complained of, and because the acts of other persons (including individuals engaged in the illegal distribution or use of opioids without a proper prescription) intervened between Walmart's acts and Plaintiff's harms. Walmart had no legal duty to protect Plaintiff from the intentional criminal acts of third persons, which are superseding causes that extinguish any liability.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH DEFENSE**

The injuries and damages claimed by Plaintiff resulted from an intervening or superseding cause and/or causes, and any act or omission on the part of Walmart was not the proximate and/or competent producing cause of such alleged injuries and damages.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's injuries and damages, if any, were due to misuse, illicit use, or abuse of the medications at issue on the part of the medication users, for which Walmart is not liable.

**TWENTY-NINTH DEFENSE**

Any injuries and/or damages sustained by Plaintiff may have been caused or contributed to by the negligence or actual conduct of Plaintiff and/or other persons, firms, corporations, or entities over whom Walmart had no control or right of control and for whom it is not responsible.

**THIRTIETH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, because its alleged injuries or damages were caused by unforeseeable and uncontrollable forces over which Walmart had no control and for which Walmart is not responsible, including without limitation pre-existing or unrelated medical conditions.

**THIRTY-FIRST DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, because any and all damages alleged by Plaintiff were caused by misuse of the products involved, failure to use the products properly, and/or alteration or modification of, or criminal misuse or abuse of, the prescribed medications by third parties over whom Walmart had no control, for whom Walmart is not responsible, and that operated as superseding causes that extinguish any liability.

**THIRTY-SECOND DEFENSE**

Plaintiff would be unjustly enriched if allowed to recover on its claim.

**THIRTY-THIRD DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff suffered no injuries or damages as a result of any action by Walmart.

**THIRTY-FOURTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, because the remoteness doctrine and derivative-injury rule bar Plaintiff from recovering payments that it allegedly made on behalf of its residents to reimburse any expenses for health care, pharmaceutical care, and/or other public services.

**THIRTY-FIFTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred to the extent that Walmart has valid defenses that bar recovery by those persons on whose behalf Plaintiff purportedly seeks recovery.

**THIRTY-SIXTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is subject to all defenses that could be asserted if Plaintiff's claim were properly made by individuals on whose behalf or for whose alleged damages Plaintiff seeks to recover.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff has failed to comply with the requirement that it identify each patient in whose claim(s) it has a subrogation interest and on whose behalf it has incurred costs.

**THIRTY-EIGHTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff fails to plead that it reimbursed any prescriptions for any opioid distributed by Walmart that harmed patients and should not have been prescribed or distributed, that Walmart caused any health care provider to write any ineffective or harmful opioid prescriptions, or that any specific prescription in Durham County was unauthorized, medically unnecessary, ineffective, or harmful.

**THIRTY-NINTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred to the extent that Plaintiff's alleged damages are speculative, uncertain, and hypothetical.

**FORTIETH DEFENSE**

Any recovery by Plaintiff may be barred, in whole or in part, by the principle of comparative or contributory fault.

**FORTY-FIRST DEFENSE**

Any recovery against Walmart is barred or limited under the principles of assumption of risk and informed consent.

**FORTY-SECOND DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's damages, if any, were caused by the active, direct, and proximate negligence or actual conduct of entities or persons other than Walmart, and in the event that Walmart is found to be liable to Plaintiff, Walmart will be entitled to indemnification, contribution, and/or apportionment.

**FORTY-THIRD DEFENSE**

Walmart asserts its right to a proportionate reduction of any damages found against Walmart based on the negligence or other conduct of any settling tortfeasor and/or responsible third party and/or Plaintiff.

**FORTY-FOURTH DEFENSE**

A specific percentage of the tortious conduct that proximately caused the injury or loss to person or property is attributable to (i) Plaintiff, (ii) other parties from whom Plaintiff seeks recovery, and (iii) persons from whom Plaintiff does not seek recovery in this action, including, but not limited to, prescribing practitioners, non-party pharmacies and pharmacists, individuals and entities involved in diversion and distribution of prescription opioids, individuals and entities involved in import, distribution, and sale of illegal opioids, individuals involved in procuring diverted prescription opioids and/or illegal drugs, delivery services, federal, state, and local government entities, and health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers.

**FORTY-FIFTH DEFENSE**

Any verdict or judgment that might be recovered by Plaintiff must be reduced by those amounts that have already indemnified or with reasonable certainty will indemnify Plaintiff in whole or in part for any past or future claimed economic loss from any collateral source or any other applicable law.

**FORTY-SIXTH DEFENSE**

To the extent Plaintiff suffered any injury, Plaintiff is barred from any recovery because it was contributorily negligent and proximately caused its own injuries.

**FORTY-SEVENTH DEFENSE**

The damages which Plaintiff may be entitled to recover if liability is established (which liability is specifically denied) are capped pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1D-25.

**FORTY-EIGHTH DEFENSE**

Any damages that Plaintiff may recover against Walmart must be reduced to the extent that Plaintiff is seeking damages for alleged injuries or expenses related to the same user(s) of the subject drugs, or damages recovered or recoverable by another actual or potential plaintiff. Any damages that Plaintiff may recover against Walmart must be reduced to the extent they unjustly enrich Plaintiff.

**FORTY-NINTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim against Walmart is barred to the extent it relies, explicitly or implicitly, on a theory of market-share liability.

**FIFTIETH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim against Walmart is barred or limited by the economic loss rule.

**FIFTY-FIRST DEFENSE**

Plaintiff is barred, in whole or in part, from recovering costs incurred in providing public services by the free public services and/or municipal cost recovery doctrine.

**FIFTY-SECOND DEFENSE**

Plaintiff may have failed or refused to exercise reasonable care and diligence to avoid loss and minimize damages and, therefore, may not recover for losses that could have been prevented by reasonable efforts on its part, or by expenditures that might reasonably have been made. Recovery, if any, should therefore be reduced by Plaintiff's failure to mitigate damages, if any.

**FIFTY-THIRD DEFENSE**

To the extent Plaintiff attempts to seek equitable relief, Plaintiff is not entitled to such relief because Plaintiff has an adequate remedy at law.

**FIFTY-FOURTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, because federal agencies have exclusive or primary jurisdiction over the matters asserted in the Complaint.

**FIFTY-FIFTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is preempted by federal law, including (without limitation) the federal Controlled Substances Act and the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ("FDCA").

**FIFTY-SIXTH DEFENSE**

The conduct of Walmart conformed with the FDCA and the requirements of the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"), and the activities of Walmart alleged in the Complaint conformed with all state and federal statutes, regulations, and industry standards based on the state of knowledge at the relevant time(s) alleged in the Complaint.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, by conflict preemption as set forth in the United States Supreme Court's decisions in *PLIVA, Inc. v. Mensing*, 564 U.S. 604 (2011), and *Mut. Pharm. Co. v. Bartlett*, 570 U.S. 472 (2013).

**FIFTY-EIGHTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is preempted insofar as it conflicts with Congress's purposes and objectives in enacting relevant federal legislation and authorizing regulations, including the Hatch-Waxman Amendments to the FDCA and implementing regulation. *See Geier v. Am. Honda Motor Co.*, 529 U.S. 861 (2000).

**FIFTY-NINTH DEFENSE**

To the extent Plaintiff's claim depends solely on violations of federal law, including any claim of a "fraud on the FDA" with respect to the manufacturers' disclosure of information related to the safety of their medications at issue, such claim is barred and should be dismissed. *See Buckman Co. v. Plaintiffs' Legal Comm.*, 531 U.S. 341 (2001).

**SIXTIETH DEFENSE**

To the extent Plaintiff's claim depends solely on violations of federal law, including any claim of "fraud on the Drug Enforcement Administration" ("DEA") with respect to Walmart's compliance with statutes or regulations administered and/or enforced by the DEA, such claim is barred and should be dismissed. *See Buckman*, 531 U.S. 341.

**SIXTY-FIRST DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, by the deference that common law affords discretionary actions by the FDA under the FDCA and discretionary actions by the DEA under the Controlled Substances Act.

**SIXTY-SECOND DEFENSE**

If Plaintiff incurred the damages alleged, which is expressly denied, Walmart is not liable for damages because the methods, standards, or techniques of designing, manufacturing, labeling, and distributing the prescription medications at issue complied with and were in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Controlled Substances Act, the FDCA, and the generally recognized state of the art in the industry at the time the product was designed, manufactured, labeled, and distributed.

**SIXTY-THIRD DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred to the extent it is based on any allegations involving failure to provide adequate warnings or information because all warnings or information that accompanied the allegedly distributed products were approved by the FDA for a product approved under the FDCA (21 U.S.C. § 301 *et seq.*), as amended, or Section 351, Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 262), as amended, or the warnings and information provided were those stated in monographs developed by the FDA for pharmaceutical products that may be distributed without an approved new drug application.

**SIXTY-FOURTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred in whole or in part by the learned intermediary doctrine.

**SIXTY-FIFTH DEFENSE**

Walmart did not owe or breach any statutory or common law duty to Plaintiff.

**SIXTY-SIXTH DEFENSE**

Walmart appropriately, completely, and fully performed and discharged any and all obligations and legal duties arising out of the matters alleged in the Complaint.

**SIXTY-SEVENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, in whole or in part, because it is directed at authorized and regulated activities, and Walmart complied at all relevant times with all applicable laws, including all legal and regulatory duties.

**SIXTY-EIGHTH DEFENSE**

To the extent that Plaintiff relies on letters or other informal guidance from the DEA to establish Walmart's regulatory duties, such informal guidance cannot enlarge Walmart's

regulatory duties in the absence of compliance by DEA with the requirements by the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 551 *et seq.*

**SIXTY-NINTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred to the extent it is based on alleged violations of industry customs because purported industry customs do not create legal duties on Walmart.

**SEVENTIETH DEFENSE**

The claim asserted in the Complaint is barred, in whole or in part, by the Restatement (Second) of Torts § 402A, Comments j and k, and Restatement (Third) of Torts: Products Liability § 6.

**SEVENTY-FIRST DEFENSE**

Walmart is not liable for any statements in opioid manufacturers' branded or unbranded materials.

**SEVENTY-SECOND DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred to the extent that it lacks the statutory authority to bring a nuisance claim under North Carolina law or its own applicable county codes or regulations.

**SEVENTY-THIRD DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's public nuisance claim is barred or limited to the extent that it has been abrogated or otherwise curtailed by the North Carolina Products Liability Act, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 99B.

**SEVENTY-FOURTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim of public nuisance is barred or limited because it does not allege an interference with real property; because illegal conduct perpetrated by third parties involving the use of an otherwise legal product does not involve a public right that supports a claim for public nuisance; the alleged public nuisance would have impermissible extraterritorial reach; and the

alleged conduct of Walmart is too remote from the alleged injury as a matter of law and due process.

**SEVENTY-FIFTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred by the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, § 19 of the North Carolina Constitution because substantive due process forbids the retroactive imposition of changing and unclear legal interpretations of the Controlled Substances Act.

**SEVENTY-SIXTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's public nuisance claim is barred because the North Carolina legislature has comprehensively regulated the field of controlled substance dispensing and distribution.

**SEVENTY-SEVENTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's public nuisance claim is barred because there is no enforceable duty to monitor and halt apparently suspicious orders before shipping.

**SEVENTY-EIGHTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's public nuisance claim is barred to the extent it seeks to establish liability based on unlawful conduct with respect to the dispensing of prescription opioid medications because neither the Controlled Substances Act nor equivalent North Carolina law imposes relevant corporate-level dispensing duties.

**SEVENTY-NINTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, reduced, and/or limited pursuant to the applicable North Carolina statutory and common law regarding limitations of awards, caps on recovery, and setoffs.

**EIGHTIETH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claim is barred, reduced, and/or limited to the extent that Walmart is entitled to a credit or setoff for any and all sums Plaintiff has received in the way of any and all settlements.

**EIGHTY-FIRST DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's Complaint is barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrines of acquiescence, settlement, or release.

**EIGHTY-SECOND DEFENSE**

Walmart's liability, if any, will not result from its conduct but is solely the result of an obligation imposed by law, and thus Walmart is entitled to complete indemnity, express or implied, by other parties.

**EIGHTY-THIRD DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's request for punitive or exemplary damages or other civil penalties is barred or reduced by applicable law or statute or, in the alternative, such damages or penalties are unconstitutional insofar as they violate the Due Process Clauses of the United States Constitution, the Excessive Fines Clause of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution, the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the United States Constitution, the Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, and applicable provisions of the Constitution of North Carolina or that of any other state whose laws may apply. ny law, statute, or other authority purporting to permit the recovery of punitive damages or civil penalties in this case is unconstitutional, facially and as applied, to the extent that, without limitation, it:

- (1) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards to guide and restrain the jury's discretion in determining whether to award punitive damages or civil penalties and/or the amount, if any;
- (2) is void for vagueness in that it fails to provide adequate advance notice as to what conduct will result in punitive damages or civil penalties;
- (3) unconstitutionally may permit recovery of punitive damages or civil penalties based on harms to third parties, out-of-state conduct, conduct that complied with applicable law, or conduct that was not directed, or did not proximately cause harm, to Plaintiff;
- (4) permits the imposition of punitive damages where the burden of proof is less than clear and convincing evidence;
- (5) permits the imposition of punitive damages without bifurcating the trial and trying all punitive damages issues separately, only if and after a finding on the merits of the liability of Walmart;
- (6) permits the imposition of punitive damages without any predetermined limit on any such award;
- (7) permits an imposition of punitive damages that allows for multiple punishments for the same alleged act(s) or omission(s);
- (8) unconstitutionally may permit recovery of punitive damages or civil penalties in an amount that is not both reasonable and proportionate to the amount of harm, if any, to Plaintiff and to the amount of compensatory damages, if any;
- (9) unconstitutionally may permit jury consideration of net worth or other financial information relating to Defendants;

(10) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards to be applied by the trial court in post-verdict review of any award of punitive damages or civil penalties;

(11) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards for appellate review of any award of punitive damages or civil penalties;

(12) would unconstitutionally impose a penalty, criminal in nature, without affording to Defendants the same procedural protections that are afforded to criminal defendants under the constitutions of the United States, North Carolina, and any other state whose laws may apply; and

(13) otherwise fails to satisfy Supreme Court precedent, including, without limitation, *Pac. Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. Haslip*, 499 U.S. 1 (1991); *TXO Prod. Corp. v. Alliance Res., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 443 (1993); *BMW of N. Am. Inc. v. Gore*, 517 U.S. 559 (1996); *State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Campbell*, 538 U.S. 408 (2003); and *Philip Morris USA v. Williams*, 549 U.S. 346 (2007).

#### **EIGHTY-FOURTH DEFENSE**

To the extent that Plaintiff seeks punitive, exemplary, or aggravated damages, any such damages are barred because the product at issue, and its labeling, were subject to and received pre-market approval by the FDA under 52 Stat. 1040, 21 U.S.C. § 301.

#### **EIGHTY-FIFTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's request for punitive or exemplary damages is barred because Plaintiff cannot prove by clear and convincing evidence that Walmart's conduct was malicious, fraudulent, or willful, and Walmart has neither acted nor failed to act in a manner that entitles Plaintiff to recover punitive or exemplary damages.

**EIGHTY-SIXTH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff cannot obtain relief on its claim based on actions undertaken by Walmart of which Walmart provided notice of all material facts.

**EIGHTY-SEVENTH DEFENSE**

Walmart is entitled to, and claims the benefit of, all defenses and presumptions set forth in or arising from any rule of law or statute of this State or any other state whose substantive law might control the action.

**EIGHTY-EIGHTH DEFENSE**

Walmart asserts all applicable defenses under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 8(c) and 12(b) and/or N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1A-1, North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure 8(c) and 12(b), as investigation and discovery proceeds.

**EIGHTY-NINTH DEFENSE**

Walmart adopts by reference any additional applicable defense pled by any other Defendant not otherwise pled herein.

**NINETIETH DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's public nuisance claim is barred because the alleged conduct of Walmart's distribution and dispensing activity was not alleged to have harmed all or even most people who came into contact with it.

**NINETY-FIRST DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's public nuisance claim is barred because Plaintiff fails to allege a common right of all members of the public that is alleged to have been infringed upon.

**JURY DEMAND**

Walmart hereby requests a jury trial as to all issues or claims triable in this action.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Walmart prays for relief from judgment from Plaintiff as follows:

1. Plaintiff take nothing by reason of this Complaint;
2. Walmart recovers its costs and attorneys' fees incurred herein; and
3. For such further and other relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: December 3, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on December 3, 2021, the foregoing was filed using the Court's CM/ECF filing system and will be served via the Court's CM/ECF filing system on all attorneys of record.

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